

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on January 23, 2007  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 158, 1/19/2007; HB 319,  
1/19/2007; HB 348, 1/19/2007  
Executive Action: HB 348

**HEARING ON HB 319**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:25 Rep. Bill Glaser (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 319, Revise law on construction and highway contracts.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:29 Carl Schweitzer  
00:13:23 Zach Pallister, Montana Subcontractors' Association  
00:14:51 Bill Abney, Montana Subcontractors' Association  
00:15:09 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association  
00:18:02 Margaret Morgan, Greater Montana Independent Electrical Contractors

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:19:01 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:25 Rep. Keane  
00:19:47 Mr. Schweitzer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:18 Rep. Glaser

**HEARING ON HB 348**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:57 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 348, Increase out-of-state snowmobile fees.

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:19 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association  
00:29:09 Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
[EXHIBIT \(buh15a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:28 Rep. Van Dyk

00:32:04 Ms. Wiggers

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:05 Rep. Keane

**HEARING ON HB 158**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:48 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 158, Revise laws governing corporate filings.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:28 Michael O'Brien, Secretary of State's Office

[\*\*EXHIBIT \(buh15a03\)\*\*](#)

00:42:24 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:47 Mark Simonich, Secretary of State's Office

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:21 Rep. Reinhart

00:44:43 Mr. O'Brien

00:45:08 Rep. Keane

00:45:32 Mr. O'Brien

00:47:21 Rep. Furey

00:47:42 Mr. Galt

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:28 Rep. Jones

**Informational Discussion on HB 286 with Department of Commerce**

00:50:35 Andy Poole, Department of Commerce

[\*\*EXHIBIT \(buh15a04\)\*\*](#)

00:56:07 Rep. Milburn

00:57:00 Mr. Poole

00:59:46 Rep. Mendenhall

01:00:04 Mr. Poole

01:02:32 Rep. Milburn  
01:02:57 Rep. Arntzen  
01:03:25 Mr. Poole  
01:06:14 Rep. Mendenhall  
01:06:42 Mr. Poole

**EXHIBIT** (buh15a05)

01:09:01 Rep. Keane  
01:09:15 Mr. Poole  
01:11:34 Break

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 348**

01:33:23 Bart Campbell  
01:34:42 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 348 **DO PASS**.  
01:34:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 348 **BE AMENDED**.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy  
Boy, Augare, Jones, and Boggio voted by proxy.  
01:35:59 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 348 **DO PASS AS**  
**AMENDED**.

**Discussion**

01:36:08 Rep. Arntzen  
01:37:03 Rep. Mendenhall  
  
01:37:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps.  
Windy Boy, Augare, Jones, and Boggio voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:38:20 Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([buh15aad.pdf](#))**